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Farmers enter Delhi after police's permission to hold demonstrations at Nirankari Samagam Ground



New Delhi [India], November 27 (ANI): The farmers protesting against the three agriculture sector laws passed by the Central government were allowed to enter the national capital on Friday after the Tikri border between Delhi and Haryana was opened for them.

Delhi police gave permission to farmers to hold their demonstrations at the Nirankari Samagam Ground in the Burari area.

"After discussion with farmer leaders, the protesting farmers have been permitted inside Delhi to hold a peaceful protest at Nirankari Ground, Burari. Delhi Police appeals them to maintain peace," Delhi Police tweeted through its official

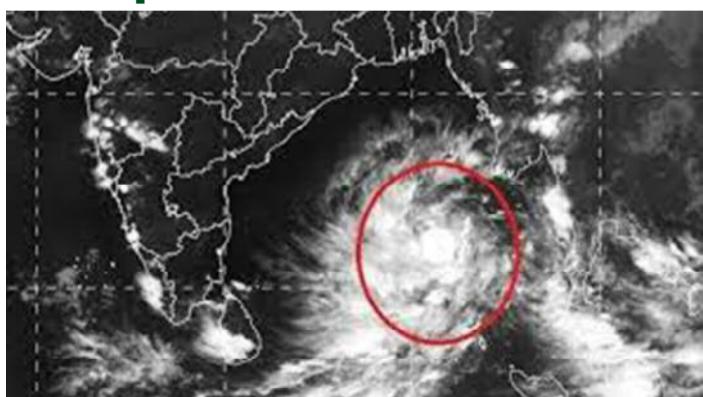
handle. Haryana Police also removed the barricades at the Shambhu border between Haryana and Punjab, near Ambala. "Now, nobody will be stopped, commuters can travel with ease," said Rajesh Kalia, Superintendent of Police, Ambala.

Speaking to ANI, a farmer from Punjab who left his home yesterday thanked the administration and Central government for the permission to hold the demonstration in the national capital.

"I left from Punjab yesterday, and after managing to cross 10 barricades have reached the Tikri border at 10 am today. Since then I had been waiting to move

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Cyclone forming over Andaman Sea, Ships and fishermen cautioned



PORT BLAIR, NOV 27: The recent weather forecast indicates formation of a low pressure area is likely to develop over central parts of South Bay of Bengal on 29 Nov 20 and likely to move westwards direction. The Indian Coast Guard has shared the weather information with civil administration, includ-

ing fisheries authorities. The Coast Guard Stations at various locations in A & N Region, in coordination with local fisheries authorities, are sensitizing the fishing community on persisting rough seas/inclement weather at sea and urging the fishermen to refrain from mov-

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Modi government will have to accept demands of farmers, take back black laws: Rahul Gandhi

New Delhi [India], November 27 (ANI): Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday termed the three farm laws brought by Centre as "black laws" and said Modi government will have to accept the demands of the farmers to take them back. He said in a tweet that no government can stop farmers battling for truth.

"Prime Minister should remember that whenever ego clashes with the truth, the ego always gets defeated. No government in the world can stop farmers battling for truth. The Modi government will have to accept the demands of the farmers and

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take back black laws. This is just the beginning," he said.

The three farm laws are - The Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020, The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Service

Act, 2020 and The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020.

The government has sought to allay apprehensions of farmers on the minimum support price and said farm laws provide them freedom to sell their produce. (ANI)



New Delhi, November 27 (ANI): Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Friday lashed out at the Central government over the farmers' protest and said Prime Minister Narendra Modi should implement "one nation, one behaviour", apparently taking a jibe at his suggestion for "one nation, one election".

"To suppress the voice of farmers- they are being drenched in water, roads are being dug up

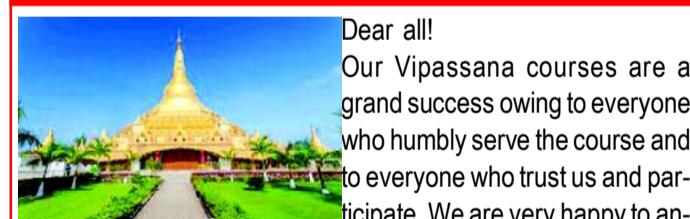
to stop them. But the government is not ready to show them and tell them where it is written that they have the legal right of MSP. The Prime Minister, who is concerned about one country, one election, should implement one nation, one behaviour," read the Congress leader's tweet (roughly translated from Hindi). Farmers from Haryana and Punjab are heading to the national capital as part of the protest march against the Centre's farm laws. Police deployed on the Delhi border in view of the farmers' movement and all vehicles heading towards the national capital are being checked.

Apart from the presence of personnel, barricading laced with barbwires was placed to stop the approaching protestors. While the government said the three laws will do away with middlemen, enabling farmers to sell their produce in the commercial markets, protestors fear that this could lead to the government not buying produce at guaranteed prices, thereby disrupting their timely payments.

Farmers are protesting against the Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020, The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Service

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VIPASSANA COURSE



Dear all!
Our Vipassana courses are a grand success owing to everyone who humbly serve the course and to everyone who trust us and participate. We are very happy to announce that our next course will be held from 2nd Dec onwards. The registrations are now open and any interested participants can send their names & phone numbers.

FOR DETAILS CONTACT MRS. REKHA BHASKER, ASSISTANT VIPASSANA TEACHER OVER MOBILE NO. 9500091792.
NEXT COURSE IS FROM 2nd DECEMBER TO 13th DECEMBER, 2020.

All interested participants are requested to read the "Code of Discipline" carefully & thoroughly before applying so that they know exactly what to expect. Here's the link to the page with all the necessary information. <https://www.dhamma.org/en-US/about/code>

We look forward to conducting the next course and having you participate to learn this wonderful practice of Vipassana.

RRU attains a historic feat by becoming a member of APTA



GUJARAT, NOV 27: Rashtriya Raksha University-RRU, an Institution of National Importance under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Gol is India's premier public University in the domain of national security and policing.

It is proud moment for India that the RRU has become official member of APTA in the 5th General Assembly Annual Meeting (GAAM) held virtually on 26th November 2020. Thus, RRU, India has joined the list of Countries like Australia, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Korea, Malesia, Philippines, Vietnam, and Singapore.

The Association of Police Training Institutions in Asia (APTA) is a formal network of 27 Police Training Institutions from 15 countries, and its Secretariat is currently located at the Korean National Police University (KNPU). Every Year the APTA con-

ducts the General Assembly Annual Meeting(GAAM) by rotation in its member Countries. The platform of APTA with its Head Quarter in South Korea provide for the member countries of enabling enduring framework of cooperation in all matters related to Police training and internal security information exchange. Through APTA, the member countries have access to Interpol and other official bodies which allows the member countries, access to technical knowhow and policy framework of several emerging key areas in policing. RRU intends to develop as a world-class Institution catering to the academic, research, and training requirements of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and state police forces around the country. This membership shall greatly boost the University's efforts to attain its objective.

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"We are delighted to announce the agreement between RDIF and Hetero that will pave the way to the production of the safe and highly effective Sputnik V vaccine on Indian soil. The vaccine's interim clinical trial results show 95 per cent efficacy on the 42nd day after the first dose," he was quoted by the statement on Sputnik V Twitter account.

"I am confident that Sputnik V should become an integral part of the national vaccine portfolio of every country willing to protect its population from the coronavirus. Thanks to our cooperation with Hetero, we will be able to significantly increase production capacity and provide people of India with an efficient solution in this challenging period of the pandemic," he added.

Prima facie evaluation of FIR against Arnab Goswami doesn't establish abetment charge: SC

New Delhi [India], November 27 (ANI): Prima facie evaluation of the FIR lodged by the Maharashtra Police against Republic TV editor-in-chief Arnab Goswami does not establish any abetment to suicide charge, the Supreme Court said on Saturday giving a detailed reason for granting interim bail to Goswami on November 11 in the abetment to suicide case.

A bench of the apex court, headed by Justice DY Chandrachud, said the Bombay High Court failed to take a prima facie view of the FIR, the nature of accusation and the level of the charge against Goswami and erred in not granting bail. The Bombay High Court abdicated its duty in protecting the liberties of a citizen who had been complaining that he was being targeted by the Maharashtra government for his unplayable views expressed in his TV channel, Justice Chandrachud said.

He said the High Court abdicated its role as a protector of constitutional values and fundamental rights, and added that

criminal law should not become a tool for selective harassment for citizens.

The bench noted that doors of the courts cannot be closed in such cases and courts should remain open for all cases of deprivation of personal liberty and such deprivation cannot even be for one day. Access to Justice needs to be democratised and it cannot be a selective tool for a few, it said.

Justice Chandrachud said it needs to be seen whether the accused can tamper evidence, or whether the accused can flee, or whether the ingredients of offence is made out along with interests of the state. Here the case is about the liberty of a citizen, he noted.

"The High Court, in other words, failed to apply its mind to a fundamental issue that needed to be considered while dealing with a petition for quashing under Article 226 of the Constitution or Section 482 of the CrPC," the bench said in its order.

The bench noted that the FIR recites that the spouse of the informant had a company car-

rying on the business of architecture, interior design and engineering consultancy.

"According to the informant, her husband was over the previous two years -- having pressure as he did not receive the money of work carried out by him. The FIR recites that the deceased had called at the office of the appellant and spoken to his accountant for the payment of money," the order said.

"Apart from the above statements, it has been stated that the deceased left behind a suicide note stating that his -- money is stuck and following owners of respective companies are not paying our legitimate dues. Prima facie, on the application of the test which has been laid down by this court in a consistent line of authority, which has been noted above, it cannot be said that the appellant was guilty of having abetted the suicide within the meaning of Section 306 of the IPC. These observations, we must note, are prima facie at this stage since the High Court is still to take up the petition for quashing," it added.

India enters technical recession as GDP contracts 7.5% in Q2

India's GDP had contracted by 23.9% in the last quarter.

NEW DELHI, NOV 27: India's economy contracted by 7.5% in the July-September quarter, showing some recovery a quarter after the country recorded the worst performance since it started reporting quarterly data in 1996. India's GDP had contracted by 23.9% in the last quarter. Having recorded two quarters of GDP contraction, India now enters into a technical recession. In the same quarter last year, GDP had hit a six-year low of 4.5%.

"At constant prices, GDP is estimated at Rs 33.14 lakh crore, as against Rs 35.84 lakh crore in Q2 of 2019-20, showing a contraction of 7.5% as compared to 4.4% growth in Q2 2019-20," Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation said in a statement.

While the country was in a stringent lockdown for most part of Q1, the economy has considerably opened up since, with most services opening up as of September.

In the January-March quarter, GDP growth had slowed to 3.1%, while the country's GDP in FY20 had declined to 4.2% from 6.1% in FY19, the slowest in the last 11 years.

Meanwhile the index of the core industries in India declined by 2.5%

as compared to the same period last year. Between April to October, there was a 13% decline. Coal production saw a decline of 11.6% in October, while production of petroleum refinery products saw a 17% decline.

The Reserve Bank of India had predicted earlier this month that India's economy would contract by 8.6% in the September quarter. With this, India will enter a technical recession for the first time in history, RBI's nowcast had predicted at the time.

A recessionary phase in an economy is when an economy is in an expansionary phase and the GDP contracts with each subsequent quarter. However, when it continues for long enough, it could be termed as a recession. And while recession is generally understood to be when GDP

contracts, it is understood that two consecutive quarters of GDP decline would put the country in a technical recession. Prior to the pandemic, the economy was in a slowdown.

"India has entered a technical recession in the first half of 2020-21 for the first time in its history with Q2:2020-21 likely to record the second successive quarter of GDP contraction," wrote Pankaj Kumar in the Monetary Policy Department of the RBI in this month's RBI bulletin. This, however, he said, could be short lived.

Forecasts of economists had been marginally revised upwards after reports of an uptick in consumer demand, amid expectation of a COVID-19 vaccine that is expected to be coming soon.

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Act, 2020, and The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020. On Thursday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi suggested a single voters' list for Lok Sabha, Assembly and local polls and reiterated the need for "one nation, one election" in the country.

"One nation, one election isn't just a matter of debate, this is the need for India. Elections are held at different places every few months, the effect it has on development work is known to all. This issue needs to be studied and presiding officers can be a guiding force for it," the Prime Minister said.

IMD'S WEATHER FORECAST FOR NEXT 05 DAYS

Friday 27 Nov	1) Heavy rain (07-11 cm) likely to occur at one or two places over Nicobar Islands. 2) Thunderstorm with lightning likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
Saturday 28 Nov	1) Heavy rain (07-11 cm) likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands. 2) Thunder squall with wind (speed reaching 50-60 kmph) likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
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Monday 30 Nov	NIL
Tuesday 01 Dec	NIL
FISHERMAN WARNING	In anticipation of formation of Low Pressure area over Southeast Bay of Bengal during next 48 hours, fishermen are advised not to venture into the sea during 28th-29th November.
PORT WARNING	NIL

Admission to TGCE; Last date extended

Port Blair, Nov 27: The last date for submission of filled in application forms for admission to first year B.Ed. Degree Course in Tagore Government College of Education, Port Blair has been extended up to 10th of December 2020 due to non-receipts of University results. Desirous candidates can now submit their online application up to 10th December 2020 via URL <http://collegeadmission.andaman.gov.in>. According to a communication from Principal, TGCE, candidates who have passed under

CBCS with CGPA and letter grades and are finding difficulties in submitting online applications for admission to two years B.Ed. degree programme are advised to upload legible copies of mark sheets of all semesters. Letter grades may be translated into equivalent grades as per the University norms which may be filled up in the application form along with SGPA for each semester and CGPA for the whole degree programme. Necessary changes, if necessary, will be made in the admission portal,

once clarification is received from the University in this regard. The provisional merit list for admission to the above course will be published on 12th December 2020 in the same portal. Claims and objections can be filed up to 14th December 2020. The counseling for admission to first year B.Ed. course for all the subjects will be held on 15th December 2020 in the Tagore Auditorium. Timings for Subject-wise counseling will be informed in due course of time through print and electronic media.

ABVP organizes webinar on Constitution Day

Port Blair 26, November, 27: On the occasion of 71st constitution day ABVP Andaman and Nicobar unit had organized a Webinar on the topic "fundamental duties" (the great con-

stitutional values) . The main speakers of the webinar was Venkatesh Kumar Singh (Assistant professor, JNRM) included Dr. Santosh Kumar Jha (President, ABVP Andaman Unit).

Students from every college of the islands attended the Webinar and had a productive discussion with the keynote speakers on the constitutional values and importance of fundamental Duties.

COVID-19 caseload in India climbs to 93,09,787

New Delhi, Nov 27: India's COVID-19 tally of cases climbed to 93.09 lakh with 43,082 new cases in a day, while 87,18,517 people have recuperated so far pushing the national recovery rate to 93.64 per cent on Friday, according to the Union Health Ministry data.

The total coronavirus

cases mounted to 93,09,787 and the death toll climbed to 1,35,715 with the novel coronavirus virus claiming 492 lives in a span of 24 hours in the country, the data updated at 8 am showed.

The COVID-19 case fatality rate has further declined to 1.45 per cent.

There are 4,55,555 active

cases of coronavirus infection in the country which comprises 4.89 per cent of the total caseload, the data stated.

According to the ICMR, a cumulative total of 13,70,62,749 samples have been tested up to November 26 with 11,31,204 samples being tested on Thursday.

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forward. We are thankful for the government and administration for the permission," he said. Earlier in the day, All India Kisan Samiti's working committee members also joined the protesting farmers at the Tikri border.

Kirankumar Vissa, who was representing farmers from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana told ANI that smaller demonstrations by farmers are being held in front of Central government offices in various districts across the country.

"Farmers from around the country want these three laws to be repealed. We just have this one demand. We want the Central government and citizens of the country to hear our voice. All kinds of farmers' organisations are united in this protest." said Vissa.

He added that farmers who are protesting are "aware that these laws will put their income in the hands of corporate." (ANI)

**REVISED****SEVA SUCHNAYEIN**

ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS
INTER ISLAND SECTOR

CARGO SERVICE

- MV Chuglum will sail for Campbell Bay via Little Andaman, Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa, Katchal & Nancowry on 27.11.2020 (Fri) at 1700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf. The vessel will sail back to Port Blair immediately after discharging/loading of Cargo at respective ports.

INTER ISLAND SECTOR:

- MV Sentinel will sail for Car Nicobar on 27.11.2020 (Fri) at 0800 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 28.11.2020 (Sat) at 1200 Hrs from Car Nicobar.
- MV Sentinel will sail for Little Andaman on 30.11.2020 (Mon) at 2000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 01.12.2020 (Tue) at 0900 Hrs from Little Andaman.
- MV Coral Queen will sail for Campbell Bay via Nancowry on 30.11.2020 (Mon) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 02.12.2020 (Wed) at 0900 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route.

FORESHORE SECTOR**27.11.2020 (Friday)**

- MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 27.11.2020 (Fri) at 0900 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1130 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.
- MV Rani Lakshmi will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 27.11.2020 (Fri) at 1000 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1530 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep.
- MV Rani Lakshmi will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 27.11.2020 (Fri) at 1215 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep Jetty and will sail back to Shaheed Dweep at 1400 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.
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ing out to sea from 28 Nov onwards. The Coast Guard vessels on deployment are sensitizing fishermen at sea and guiding them to return harbour. All Coast Guard establishments and ships in A & N Region have been alerted and directed to maintain highest state of preparedness to meet any contingency. Fishermen have been advised not to venture into sea from 28 Nov 20 onwards till improvement of weather.

For any emergency/assistance at sea, call Coast Guard SAR Agency at Toll Free number 1554.

EDITORIAL

28 November 2020

Heroics in eternity

Sport loves heroes. Followers of sport relish being mesmerised by a wiggle of the feet, a flick of the wrist, and a glint in the eyes. We enjoy greatness and bestowing legendary status. With hyperbole as the fuel that powers sport, we sometimes use these words too lightly. And then, in the middle of this process of being mesmerised by flashes of genius and anointing lofty honorifics, comes a person like Diego Armando Maradona. There are only a few sporting icons who become not the product of a generation but the very definition of it. If Mohammad Ali was a force of nature who coalesced with the Civil Rights movement and the opposition to the Vietnam War to offer a protagonist to 1960s America, Diego Maradona was a phenomenon who became the leading man of the 1980s on the global stage. From his continent to ours, the world could apply him to any context while he stamped individualism over a team sport in a manner than no one else has done, or perhaps will ever do. The key difference between him and other great sporting icons was his ability to elevate, along with his personal legend, the platform itself. If the bedrock of Roger Federer's greatness comes from his eight Wimbledon titles, the football World Cup became greater when Maradona won it for Argentina in 1986. And through it, Maradona almost single-handedly introduced the joy of sport to a larger world audience at the dawn of the era of live television. Maradona had many flaws, and made several comebacks from the pit of his own personal drugs-and-loneliness-infused hell. He admitted he was always black or white, never grey. Maradona died on Wednesday at 60. But he will forever remain heroic, human, infectious, and eternal.

FASCINATING FACTS

There are around 4 quadrillion quadrillion bacteria on Earth. Not all bacteria are bad. In fact, some of those itty-bitty biological cells are actually good for us and aide the world in various and complex ways. And that's nice to know, considering there are around 4 quadrillion quadrillion individual bacteria on our planet, according to NPR.

**VIEWPOINT****RESEARCHERS FIND POPULAR WEIGHT-LOSS SURGERY IN TEENAGERS WEAKENS BONES**

A common weight loss surgery for adolescents with obesity called sleeve gastrectomy has harmful effects on bones, according to a new study. "Childhood obesity is a major public health issue that has increased over the last 10 years," said lead investigator Miriam A. Bredella, M.D., professor of radiology at Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts, and vice-chair of the Department of Radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. "Sleeve gastrectomy is the most common bariatric surgery procedure performed in children and adults." In a sleeve gastrectomy, approximately 75% of the stomach is removed to restrict food intake and induce weight loss. It results in a typically round stomach taking on the shape of a tube or sleeve. The number of sleeve gastrectomy procedures performed on adolescents increased 100-fold from 2005 to 2014. "In adults, bariatric surgery can have long-term effects on bone, leading to higher fracture risk," Dr. Bredella said. "We wanted to determine the effects of sleeve gas-

trectomy performed on adolescents during the crucial years when bone mass is being accrued." The study examined 52 adolescents with moderate to severe obesity, 26 of whom underwent sleeve gastrectomy. The other 26 were in the control group. Mean age was 17.5 years, and mean body mass index (BMI) was 45. BMI of 30 or above is considered obese. Thirty-eight of study participants were girls. Before and 12 months after sleeve gastrectomy (or no surgery), the patients underwent quantitative CT of the lumbar spine, to quantify volumetric bone mineral density. Quantitative CT is a highly accurate technique for detecting changes in volumetric bone mineral density after extreme weight loss. Recent studies have shown that bone marrow fat responds to changes in nutrition and may serve as a biomarker for bone quality. Therefore, patients underwent proton MR spectroscopy to quantify bone marrow fat of the lumbar spine. One year following surgery, the adolescents who underwent sleeve

gastrectomy lost 34 (+/- 13) kg, or 75 (+/- 28) pounds, while there was no significant change in weight in the control group. Compared to the controls, sleeve gastrectomy patients had a significant increase in bone marrow fat and a decrease in bone density in the lumbar spine. "Adolescents who underwent sleeve gastrectomy had bone loss and an increase in bone marrow fat, despite the marked loss of body fat," Dr Bredella said. "While weight-loss surgery is successful for weight loss and improving metabolic disorders, it has negative effects on bone."

Dr Bredella said the loss of bone density following sleeve gastrectomy was expected because greater weight-bearing strengthens bones. In addition to a loss of bone density, other effects of weight-loss surgery include disruption of hormones and nutrients important for bone health.

"We need to identify mechanisms that will help prevent bone loss in these patients and to make adolescents with obesity more aware of bone health," she said. "Adolescence is the critical time for bone mass accrual, and any process that interferes with bone accrual during this time can have dire consequences later in life." (ANI)

India, France launch bilateral fast track mechanism in investments



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Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh

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"I am confident that Sputnik V should become an integral part of the national vaccine portfolio of every country willing to protect its population from the coronavirus. Thanks to our cooperation with

coronavirus pandemic. "Aatma Nirbhar Bharat and Economic Sovereignty: India and France engage through Joint Committee Meeting to accelerate trade and investment relations for economic recovery in the post-pandemic world," Indian Embassy in France said.

It further said both sides launched a "Bilateral Fast track" mechanism in investments. After the meeting, Puri said in a tweet, "Participated in a meaningful and engaging interaction on bilateral trade and economic issues between India and France with @franckriester, Minister of Foreign Trade, Govt of France at the 18th Session of India-France Joint Committee." (ANI)



Hetero, we will be able to significantly increase production capacity and provide people of India with an efficient solution in this challenging period of the pandemic," he added.

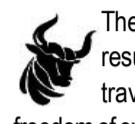
B. Murali Krishna Reddy, Director - International Marketing, Hetero Labs Limited, meanwhile said that the collaboration is another step towards their commitment in the battle against COVID-19 and realising the objective of 'Make-in-India' campaign.

"We are pleased to collaborate with RDIF as a manufacturing partner for the most anticipated Sputnik V vaccine for the treatment of COVID-19. While we look forward to the clinical trial results in India, we believe that manufacturing the product locally is crucial to enable swift access to patients. This collaboration is another step towards our commitment in the battle against COVID-19 and realising the objective of the 'Make-in-India' campaign as envisioned by our Prime Minister of India (Narendra Modi)," he said. (ANI)

STAR TRACK



If you're looking to get married, buy the ring today. But before you take the leap, weigh all the pros and cons carefully, says Ganesha. All in all, this may be a day filled with activities related to your relationship and by the time the day ends, you may be on cloud nine!



The time you previously spent on certain activities may not yield results as expected, predicts Ganesha. You will be reluctant to travel today. Your may find yourself wanting more space and freedom of expression. A stroll with your sweetheart, hand in hand, may be the highlight of your day, says Ganesha.



You will try very hard to strike a balance between logic and emotions. Though you may succeed in doing so in front of the world, you may not be so discreet with your friends. You will have an excellent time with your sweetheart, but your physical appearance will be a cause of concern to you, says Ganesha.



A string of domestic responsibilities awaits you; today, you are about to realise that it is a long, long string. Chances are that this sudden rise in work pressure may also lead to blood pressure problems. Ganesha advises you to stop presuming how people may react to everything; also, avoid being too proud to avoid excess heartache.



You sure love playing a team sport, but that does not diminish the fact that you are a tough player to compete with, says Ganesha. If only they had a rugby team at the local club! You derive a sense of completion from the fact that you have given your best effort to any endeavour. You take on challenges with a nonchalant air of 'come as they may'. With your attitude and strategy, success is not far behind. Smile along with Lady Luck by your side today, says Ganesha.



You will begin your journey on the long, hard road to success, predicts Ganesha. Hard work will be the key to any progress that you make. Avoid short cuts, and all the toil and trouble will pay off with rich returns as recognition and rewards will come your way. You may let a few opportunities fly past because of fear of taking risks.



Today promises a definite sense of pride and joy from children who bring home glory, says Ganesha. Fiscal gains are also on the cards, and you may consider it worthwhile to put your money into lucrative businesses. Money-lenders and stock brokers are likely to make handsome earnings on this charming and enchanting day.



In all probability, your mood is extremely hawkish today. Your belligerence may even put off Lady Luck for the time being. Ganesha advises you to stay away from confrontations and troubles of any kind. The evening, however, promises to be relaxing.



Remember that actions always speak louder than words. You will, in all probability, finish your work that has been seeking your attention for long now. You shall also successfully bring continuing disputes to the table and resolve them logically.



Success never comes easy, but in your case, it will make an exception, says Ganesha. You will meet with success in social as well as professional life, and this will also make heavy your treasure box. At work, prepare to get loaded with new assignments and simultaneously deal with existing work pressure. But it won't be as fatiguing as it sounds; evening recreations will charge you up for the next day.



Optimism rules today, and you are assured of your success. You are not usually affected by others' opinions, and that is how it should be. But you must keep in mind the inconvenience your decisions may cause people. Any stress or tension will vanish in the arms of your beloved, says Ganesha.



For those in the creative fields of marketing or advertising, today is an extraordinary opportunity to tweak your marketing mix into bringing in maximum profits with bare minimum efforts. Your health interests will also take priority now, and you will find yourself spending more time in the gym, says Ganesha.

Hugh Jackman, Robert Downey Jr., Halle Berry share glimpses of Thanksgiving celebration

Washington [US], November 27 (ANI): Hollywood actors and musicians including Hugh Jackman, Robert Downey Jr., Rebel Wilson, Halle Berry among many others on Thursday(local time) shared glimpses of their Thanksgiving celebrations and revealed what they're grateful for this year.

'The Wolverine' star - Jackman penned a note of Thanksgiving to his fans on Instagram and shared that he is grateful for their 'support, comments, humour, advice, quips, rebukes.' He noted alongside the post, "And we are grateful to have you in this world (with red heart emoji)."

The 'Baby' singer Bieber penned a note of thanks on Instagram to Jesus, and noted, "On this thanksgiving I'd like to thank the single most important person to ever live. The lover of my soul King Jesus."



Sharing a glimpse from one of his movies, Downey Jr. celebrated Thanksgiving in a post in which he is seen binging on a turkey. Alongside the short clip, he noted, "Not your usual Thanksgiving, but grateful nonetheless. Stay safe, all.. Better daze ahead!!! #HappyThanksgiving."

From the top of the Alps, Rebel Wilson sent "good luck" in a Thanksgiving special video on Instagram. She noted, "Happy Thanksgiving everybody!"

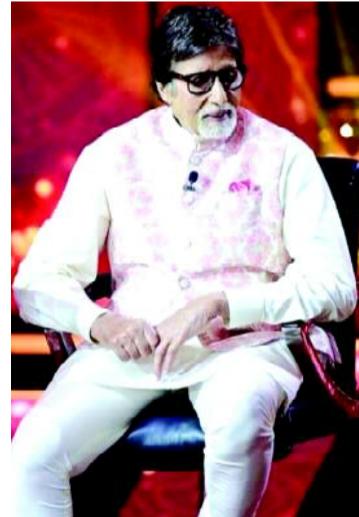
Dressed up in a white woollen hoodie, Halle Berry extended good wishes on Thanksgiving in an Instagram post. She noted, "so thankful!"

Thinking of family and friends, Nicole Kidman too shared a dreamy post on Thanksgiving on Instagram.

Gwyneth Paltrow visited her father's resting place (on his birthday), with her kids and penned a note of Thanksgiving. She noted, "On this November 26th, I was able to visit my father's resting place (on his birthday) with these two loves of my life. Happy thanksgiving. Life has incredible highs and lows. Perhaps feeling it all at the same time is the art."

Thanksgiving is a festival that is celebrated in America, Canada, Brazil, Grenada, Saint Lucia, and other parts. It is also a national holiday in the regions where it is celebrated. (ANI)

Amitabh Bachchan remembers late father on 113th birth anniversary



Mumbai (Maharashtra) [India], November 27 (ANI): Megastar Amitabh Bachchan on Friday paid tribute to his late father and one the most famous poets, Harivansh Rai Bachchan, on his 113th birth anniversary.

The Shahenshah of Bollywood, who has been reciting poems of his 'Babu Ji' on public platforms since long, shared a post on Twitter with an intense couplet in remembrance of him.

"Mai Mahaan Kavye likhna chahta hu, mahakavye nahi! Par unhone mahaan kavye nahi likha aatmkatha ke roop me 'mahakavye' bhi racha hai. Gadhyatmak mahaakavye... Mahakavye me par- charit hota hai, isme svacharit hai. Bharat ke sarvaadik lokpriye kaviyo

me Bachchan ji ka sthaan surakshit ~"

"I want to write great poetry, not epic!" But not only did he write great poetry, he also composed "epic" in the form of autobiography. The proverbial epic is circulated in the epic, it is automatic. Bachchan ji's place among India's most popular poets is secured ~)

The 'Thugs of Hindostan' star also shared the images of his late parents.

In the next tweet, the 'Don' star also penned a couplet to commemorate the great Indian poet.

"27 November, 2020 pujye babu ji Dr. Harivansh Rai Bachchan ji ki 113th jayanti par unhe koti-koti shat-shat

naman!!"

"Mai kalam or bandook chalaata hu dono, duniya me ese bande kam paaye jaate hain, mai chupaana jaanta to jag mujhe saadhu samajhta; shatru mera ban gya hai chhal rahit vyavhaar mera! ~ Bachchan," Amitabh Bachchan wrote.

(On November 27, 2020, on the 113th birth anniversary of Pujya Babuji Dr. Harivansh Rai Bachchan ji, he received a lot of respect.

"I move both a pen and a gun; there are fewer such people in the world, If I knew to hide, then the world would consider me a monk; the enemy has become mine, without deception.' ~ Bachchan)

Padma Bhushan awardee Harivansh Rai Bachchan is better known by his pen name Bachchan. His best works include *Himmat Karne Walon Ki Haar Nahi Hoti*, *Agnipath*, *Ruke Na Tu* and *Madhushala*.

Big B was extremely close to his late parents, Harivansh Rai Bachchan and Teji Bachchan, as he often mentions them either at events or on social media. While his father passed away in 2003, the megastar's mother died in 2007. (ANI)

Kangana Ranaut meets Sanjay Dutt in Hyderabad: Prays for his good health



Hyderabad [Telangana] (India), November 27 (ANI): Actress Kangana Ranaut on Friday met megastar Sanjay Dutt after she realised that they were staying in the same hotel. The 'Queen' actor later shared an image of them with a sweet note on her social media handle.

Kangana, who is currently filming in Hyderabad for 'Thalaivi', put out an image on her Twitter handle with the caption, "When I got to know we were staying in the same hotel in Hyderabad, I went to see Sanju sir this morning to check on his health and was pleasantly surprised to see him look even more handsome

and healthy. We pray for your long life and good health." In the image, Kangana and Dutt can be seen dressed in simple and casual attire while happily smiling for the camera.

Kangana Ranaut and Sanjay Dutt have previously worked together in a number of movies like 'Rascals', 'Ungli', 'Double Dhamaal', 'No Problem', among others.

Sanjay Dutt who was diagnosed with cancer earlier this year in August had announced recently that he is now cancer-free after being treated and is currently shooting in Hyderabad for 'KGF 2'. (ANI)

'Godzilla vs. Kong' in talks to go to a streamer

Washington [US], November 27 (ANI): The forthcoming monster movie 'Godzilla vs. Kong', from Legendary Pictures is likely to be the latest big franchise movie to head to a streamer. According to knowledgeable sources to The Hollywood Reporter, Netflix has made an offer of more than USD 200 million for the film while WarnerMedia has blocked the deal while preparing an offer of its own for its streamer, HBO Max. The production company-Legendary declined to comment while a Warner Bros. spokesperson said:

"We plan to release Godzilla vs. Kong theatrically next year as scheduled." The Netflix offer undoubtedly had an allure for Legendary, which financed 75 per cent of the budget. As Netflix does not have a presence in China, the film could have played theatrically there. As per The Hollywood Reporter, the monster verse movies, which are the cornerstone of Legendary's slate, are big international players, especially in China:

Just over a third of 'King of the Monsters' USD 386 million global box office came from the movie's China release. 'Skull Island' grossed USD 168 million in China, about 30 per cent of the movie's USD 567 million gross. 'Godzilla vs. Kong', the fourth entry in the series, is slated for a May 21, 2021 opening but it is far from clear that U.S. theatres will be fully back in business by then and even if they are, the studios face a pile-up of

major releases that were pushed due to the pandemic. Meanwhile, Legendary is stuck with the cost of carrying an unreleased big-budget film. Though Warner Bros. has only a 25 percent stake in the movie, it controls the release. As per The Hollywood Reporter, the decisions on the movie's fate are being handled at the highest level, with WarnerMedia CEO Jason Kilar and Warner Bros. Chairman Ann Sarnoff figuring out an offer for a streaming release on HBO Max that in theory also includes a theatrical component. (On November 18, WarnerMedia said that tentpole *Wonder Woman 1984* would bow in theatres on December 25 and be available to stream on HBO Max in a deal that Kilar described as "unprecedented.")

As reported by The Hollywood Reporter, the monster universe of Legendary began with 2014's 'Godzilla', which rebooted the franchise featuring the Japanese nuclear-created lizard and nabbed USD 514 million globally in theatres. Then 2017's 'Kong: Skull Island' re-introduced audiences to King Kong. The last entry released was 2019's 'Godzilla: King of the Monsters.'

'Godzilla vs. Kong' was directed by Adam Wingard, who cut his teeth with low-budget thrillers and horror flicks, and features actors Alexander Skarsgard, Millie Bobby Brown, Rebecca Hall and Kyle Chandler. (ANI)



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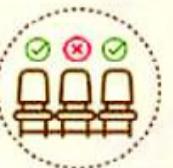
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